

Crown Colony Summer Maintenance Plan 2018

April

4/24: Course closed: Chipco Choice application for mole cricket and fire ant control (outside contractor)

Apply Acelyprn to tees, fairways and rough for grub control

Begin applying plant growth regulators to tees, fairways, rough and bunkers to control growth

May

Begin deep tine and slicer aerification of fairways (solid tines, limited disruption)

Apply fertilizer sparged with Barricade to tees, fairways and rough for summer pre-emergent weed control

Begin Glyphosate applications to Bermuda contaminated areas set for re-sodding

Begin applying topdressing sand to selected fairway "wet" areas

June

Begin building new forward tees on holes 2,6 and 15

Continue Glyphosate applications to Bermuda contaminated areas set for re-sodding

Continue deep tine aerification and topdressing of fairways

6/5-6/12: Course closed. Aerify greens with 1/2" hollow tines and remove cores, followed by heavy topdressing

Aerify, verticut, and topdress tees

Begin hollow tine aerification of fairways and remove cores

Prepare areas for sod

6/12: Sod delivery (1/6)

6/13: Course reopens

6/19: Course closed

Prepare areas for sod

Aerify, verticut and topdress collars and approaches

6/26: Course closed

Sod delivery (2/6)

Continue hollow tine fairway aerification and verticutting

July

7/3: Course closed

Continue hollow tine fairway aerification, verticutting and topdressing

Prepare areas for sod

7/4: Independence Day tournament, short work day

7/10-7/24: Course closed

Aerify greens with 1/2" hollow tines and remove cores

Aerify greens, second direction, and remove cores, followed by heavy topdressing

Aerify, verticut, and topdress tees

Continue hollow tine fairway aerification, verticutting and topdressing

7/17: Sod delivery (3/6)

7/24: Sod delivery (4/6)

7/25: Course reopens

7/31: Course closed

Aerify, verticut and topdress collars and approaches

Continue hollow tine fairway aerification, verticutting and topdressing

August

8/7: Course closed

Continue hollow tine fairway aerification, verticutting and topdressing

8/14-8/28: Course closed

Aerify greens with 1/2" hollow tines and remove cores

Aerify greens, second direction, and remove cores, followed by heavy topdressing

Aerify, verticut, and topdress tees

Continue hollow tine fairway aerification, verticutting and topdressing

Prepare areas for sod

8/21: Sod delivery (5/6)

8/28: Sod delivery (6/6)

8/29: Course reopens

September

9/4: Course closed

Continue hollow tine fairway aerification, verticutting and topdressing

9/11: Course closed

Continue hollow tine fairway aerification, verticutting and topdressing

9/18: Course closed

Continue hollow tine fairway aerification, verticutting and topdressing

9/25: Course closed

Continue hollow tine fairway aerification, verticutting and topdressing

October

We will continue to lightly topdress fairways but will mainly be focused on course detailing such as plant beds, bunker edging, plant trimming etc.

Additional Spring/Summer Tasks:

- Forward tees will be built on holes 2,6 and 15.
- After tree and plant removal at clubhouse in April, we will need to repair all broken irrigation before new plants can be installed.
- The valve on the mainline at the clubhouse is barely functional and will be replaced.
- New irrigation will be added in certain areas where we struggle to maintain turf, for example the waste bunker on #11.
- Low sprinkler heads will be raised.
- Plants will be removed in selected areas where they have a negative effect on playability.
- Plants will be added in selected areas where they are needed for aesthetics or buffering, but do not affect playability. Palms will be added in the preserve between 4 tee and 7 green to replace those lost during Irma.
- We will replace the top boards on the wooden bulkhead on hole #5.

As always, weather will play a role in determining how much of our turf renovation schedule we are able to accomplish. In the case of heavy or prolonged rains we will still be able to move forward with irrigation projects, sodding, plants, and various other projects. Turf renovations such as aerification and verticutting do however require a somewhat firm surface to be able to put the necessary equipment on the playing surfaces.

I feel like this is an ambitious, yet achievable summer maintenance schedule. We will work diligently to have the course in the best condition possible this fall and ready for another successful golfing season!

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In cooperation with the Crown Colony Greens Committee

